

Not A "Back To The Farm" But Stay On Farm Movement

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State Club Agent

Boys and girls club work is a nation wide movement promoted by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, cooperating with the Extension Service of the various colleges and universities. The present enrollment in the United States is approximately 250,000 members.

The movement furnishes the medium for extending practical scientific methods directly to the boys and girls on the farm. Bulletins and circulars are sent out free of charge and these are supplemented with personal work on the part of the state club agent, farm advisers, the local people and members of the university staff.

The members become demonstrators in their respective communities and this proves an excellent way to interest the grown-ups in the better methods.

The boys and girls are enrolled into various kinds of projects such as corn clubs, grain sorghum clubs, cotton clubs, pig clubs, poultry clubs and canning clubs. I mention these because they are the ones now offered in Arizona.

The rules and regulations and basis of awards are standardized by the federal government for the whole United States. Boys and girls must be over ten years of age and under nineteen in order to join. The club members are required to do all the work themselves, keep accurate accounts of all expenses and returns, attend all club meetings, exhibit products at the fairs and turn in complete reports at the end of the contests.

Out of the above is taught: First, the value of book-keeping on the farm and in the home; second, individual initiative and responsibility; third, thrift and economy; fourth, thoroughness; fifth, the value and use of money; sixth, the importance of practicing scientific methods; seventh, the value of good wholesome co-operation; and eighth, the love for farm work, etc.

In short, it means a preliminary and practical training for the boys and girls along lines fitting them for the duties of life. This practical training coming at a time when the youth's mind is in the dough stage, so to speak, and susceptible to new ideas. The work may be termed a school of practical training, preparing youth to properly handle our greatest asset the farm, in all its phases.

Not a back to the farm movement, but a stay on the farm. Boys and girls will continue to go to the city so long as farm life is made a drug.

Our present market conditions and the ever increasing encroachment of Johnson grass, Bermuda and alkali sounds a warning near at home and makes our task all the more difficult. Such conditions offer increasing discouragement to the boys and girls now on the farms.

Every possible channel of encouragement should be given to this splendid field of endeavor in order that the betterment of our local conditions will not be delayed. Our plane of farming at the present time, averagely speaking, is away too low. It presents a very poor object lesson to the progressive farmer who takes pride and interest in farming right. The tendency is to pull him down where there is plenty of company. The standard or plane of farming must be raised somehow and I believe club work presents an opportunity in this direction that we should not fail to foster and encourage in

every way possible. The boys and girls of today are the farmers and farmer's housewives of tomorrow.

This movement is part of our general plan of extension work and will go hand in hand with the Farmers' Improvement Association work now being carried on so successfully here in the Salt River Valley.

The results and achievements accomplished by the boys and girls in other parts of the United States can largely be duplicated here, once the people become awakened to the practical educational features of the work.

We have now over 442 boys and girls actually enrolled in the work in Arizona, about 50 of these are located in the Salt River Valley, divided among the following places: Mesa, Gilbert, Tempe and Glendale. A large number was previously enrolled but a good many have dropped out, principally because the proper encouragement was not given to the work by local people. A great deal, however, has been accomplished even in the face of considerable discouragement. Any new movement of this sort particularly, must pass through the introductory stage before the proper support and appreciation of the work can be expected.

Funds Needed for Boys and Girls Club Prizes, 1915 State Contest

Canning, championship club, silver trophy, \$15.00.
Canning, championship individual silver trophy, \$8.00, Arizona Farm Improvement Association.
Canning, second, silver medal, \$5.00.
Canning, third, bronze medal, \$3.00.
Corn, championship club, silver trophy, \$15.00.

Corn, championship individual silver cup, \$8.00, Arizona Farm Improvement Association.
Corn, second, silver medal, \$5.00.
Corn, third, bronze medal, \$3.00.
Cotton, championship club, silver trophy, \$15.00.

Cotton, championship individual silver cup, \$8.00.
Cotton, second, silver medal, \$5.00.
Cotton, third, bronze medal, \$3.00.
Grain, championship club, silver trophy, \$15.00.
Grain-Sorghum, championship club, silver trophy, \$15.00.
Grain-Sorghum, championship individual silver cup, \$8.00.
Grain-Sorghum, second, silver medal, \$5.00.
Grain-Sorghum, third, bronze medal, \$3.00.

Pig, championship club, silver trophy, \$15.00.
Pig, championship individual silver cup, \$8.00.
Pig, second, silver medal, \$5.00.
Pig, third, bronze medal, \$3.00.

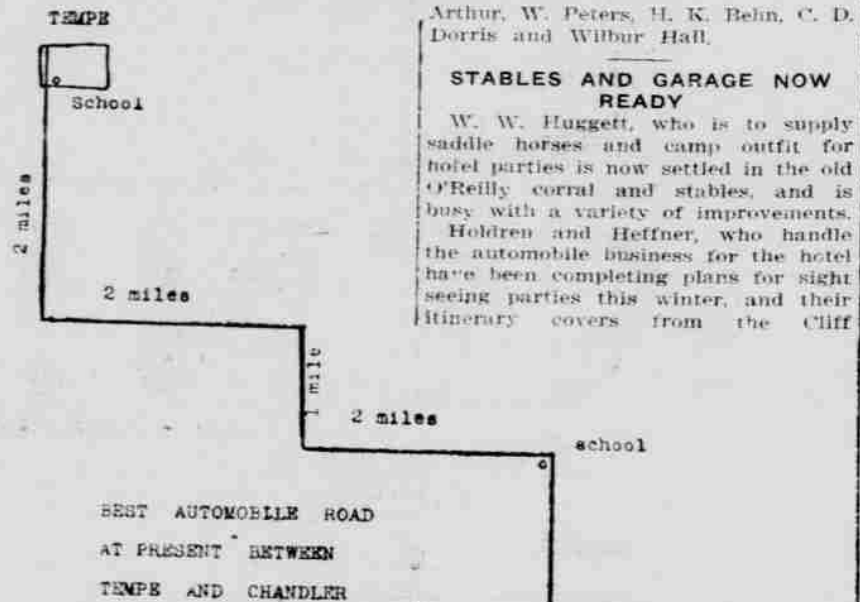
Poultry, championship club, silver trophy, \$15.00.
Poultry, championship individual, silver cup, \$8.00, and 5 bags of Arizona chick feed, \$5.00, Phoenix Seed and Feed Co.
Poultry, second, silver medal, \$5.00.
Poultry, third, bronze medal, \$3.00.

General prize fund, badges, pennants, etc., \$50.00.

CLUB NOTES

Violin—Orientele "Caesar Cui, Mrs. Chester D. Reed.
Voice—"In the Rose Garden" Sorenade "The Cry to Azrael" from Arabian Song Cycle. The Heart of Parazola by Malcolm Dana McMillan. Mrs. Francis Redewill.
Dance—"Orientele Danse," Miss Mabel

Tempe-Chandler Route Is Now Best Southside Road



Until Chandler-Mesa Road is Finished Road Shown Herewith is Best for Motor Travel to Southside

The rain of Friday night will be of special benefit to the highway between Mesa and Chandler. Road Overseer Peterson has started men and teams regaining and smoothing the road. Until this work is completed, the best road for automobiles between Tempe and Chandler is the one shown on the accompanying map.

DINNER DANCE
To mark the opening of the San Marcos a number of Chandler people together with outside friends, including in a dinner dance at the hotel Monday evening. Plates were laid for 70, and after the dinner which was served in best San Marcos style, dancing continued to a late hour. The table decorations were roses from the hotel's gardens.

GOOD ROADS COMMITTEE LUNCHEON

An informal luncheon was given to the good roads committee which visited the valley, at the San Marcos on Thursday. A short, but unusually interesting post prandial talk was given by Wilbur Hall the well known magazine writer, who is accompanying the party. The members of the party were: Harry Welch, R. H. Burrell, Washington, D. C., Dr. W. H. Gross, Col. Ed. Fletcher and H. Wilson, San Diego, Dell M. Potter of Clifton, A. J. Eddy, Yuma, Chas. Mc-

Novinger.
Accompanists—Miss Merta Work; Miss Phillips, Mrs. Roy Wayland, Mrs. William E. Defty, Mrs. Arthur Gibbons Hulet.

The sociological exhibit to be held at the state fair under the supervision of Dr. Mary Neff is attracting the interest of several social service activities in the state. It is hoped by those who are advancing the movement to have representation by charts or in some other form from the following: Women's clubs—Civics departments, Mothers' Congress and Parent-Teachers' Associations.

Arthur, W. Peters, H. K. Behn, C. D. Dorris and Wilbur Hall.

STABLES AND GARAGE NOW READY

W. W. Huggett, who is to supply saddle horses and camp outfit for hotel parties is now settled in the old O'Reilly corral and stables, and is busy with a variety of improvements. Holden and Heffner, who handle the automobile business for the hotel have been completing plans for sight seeing parties this winter, and their itinerary covers from the Cliff

Dwellings on the Verde to Tumacacori Mission near the Mexican border.

GOLF AT SAN MARCOS LINKS
This is the first week the San Marcos links have been ready for players, and a good many games have been played both by local people and visitors. Players who have seen it for the first time find it difficult to put into words their delight in at last having an opportunity to play on a grass course in Arizona.

Among the arrivals at the San Marcos this week are Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McAllister of Santa Barbara. Mr. McAllister is manager of the famous El Mirador bungalow and club house at Santa Barbara, and the unstinted praise he has given the San Marcos and the opportunities Arizona's winter climate offers for Eastern tourists is praise from one who knows.

Extension Course in Agriculture and Liberal Arts.
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Work of Probation Officers.
Juvenile Courts.
Public Libraries, Phoenix, Prescott, Flagstaff, Tucson.
Crutenden Home.
Y. W. C. A. organizations.
Y. M. C. A. organizations.
Playgrounds, Prescott, a under Parent-Teacher Associations.
Board of Health.
Safety First.
Welfare Work among commercial establishments.
Miscellany, censoring movies; town improvement; rest room in Phoenix.

The entries for the Better Babies contest have now been closed. On Monday morning the enrolling committee will begin the work of classification. As rapidly as possible a notice will be sent to each mother giving the date and approximately the hour at which her child will be examined in order to avoid tiresome waiting.

Each mother should provide a small blanket in which to wrap the child while undressed and to place upon the scales while weighing, as contact with the bare scales sometimes frightens a timid child.

Work on the new building is progressing rapidly and the committee in charge of the contest feels much gratified with the improved facilities for work placed at their disposal this year. An important feature is the provision made for heating the building so that the morning chill may be quickly dispelled and the babies undressed in comfort and safety.

"The outlook for the year is most gratifying. The interest of the members gives promise of making this season the most successful of accomplishment that we have ever known." This statement was made by Mrs. T. M. Elder, president of the Harmony Club, in reviewing the work of the club since its opening one month ago. At its Wednesday meeting the reports of the Central Arizona District Federation will be given, a general discussion following the resume of the convention. Last week a social gathering was held with Mrs. B. T. Wilkinson, Mrs. Henry Baskwitz and Mrs. N. Friedman as hostesses. A rubber of auction preceded an informal musical program. The card prizes were won by Mrs. Robert Fromm and Mrs. Ada Kays.

"Abolition of the death penalty," will be discussed at the Civic League at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. Among others the speakers will be Dr. Rosa Goodrich Boldo and G. W. Barrows.

Owing to the State Fair practically all the clubs have cancelled the meetings scheduled for the week of Novem-

HOTEL SAN MARCOS

Chandler, Arizona

A special feature of the hotel's plans for the coming season is the caring for week-end golfing parties.

The new 18-hole grass links are now in fine condition, and will be a revelation to players after the usual dirt courses found in the Southwest.

By following the route indicated in the map in the San Marcos news items, good roads may be found all the way from Phoenix to Chandler.

MRS. W. H. ROBINSON, Manager.

ber 15-20. The College Club has transformed its program set for that time until the latter part of the year and when it resumes its activities in December will present the program as announced for that date.

Mrs. J. L. B. Alexander one of the best informal club women on civic questions addressed the Madison Improvement Club Thursday, taking up the various phases of civics that have particular interest to the rural woman. She spoke of the school as a social center and the part the country woman might take in the state clean up day and urged them to use their influence to forward the movement for vocational training. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Hutter. On Thursday Mrs. George Heinz will entertain the members in honor of out of town guests.

Robert R. Boardman, boy scout commissioner will lecture before the Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon on the Civic work of the boy scouts. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Civics education department of which Mrs. H. R. St. Claire is chairman and the program will include ten minute talks on current to-

pics. Mrs. Henry D. Ross, president of the Arizona Federation of Women's Clubs, will discuss "Women in Civics"; Mrs. J. C. Hurley, the Chinese situation; Mrs. D. P. Johnson, the increase of our army and navy, and Miss Graydon will speak on the civic principles of the teaching of the camp fire girls. Mrs. Charles Sterling will contribute the musical numbers.

There will be a meeting of the Civics education department of the Woman's Club at two o'clock Monday afternoon.

Under the auspices of the art and literature department of which Mrs. Raymond Fleet is chairman, the first of the four of the programs to be presented by the Washington Woman's Club this season was given Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Keith Pickas. The general topic was the Creation narrative. The Egyptian and Babylon myths were compared to the Hebrew records as found in Genesis. The musical programs was given by Mrs. Henry C. Lockett who sang among other well received numbers, "King of Eternity," by Hartwell Jones.

"American Poets" featured the regular fortnightly meeting of the Orange-

wood-Ramona club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. C. Joy. The members responded to the roll call with a short poem by an American author. Mrs. William C. Glasscock read James Whitcomb Riley's "An Old Played Out Song," and others who contributed to the program with interesting readings were Mrs. W. R. Seaman, Mrs. E. E. Seaman, Mrs. J. M. Gleason and Mrs. E. R. Frances. The club recently enjoyed a social affair at the home of Mrs. Joseph Rice who entertained with a Halloween event. Each guest was acquainted with the mystic science of the witches by an appropriately dressed fortune-teller and at the same time was given a numbered card by which their partner for luncheon was selected. Games were played and an excellent musical program rendered.

Mrs. Henry D. Ross, president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs is planning a Southern trip shortly. Mrs. Ross will visit the various clubs in the South and confer with members of the executive board in that section. The conferences will be relative to the program to be presented at the annual meeting of the federation to be held in Tucson in January.



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